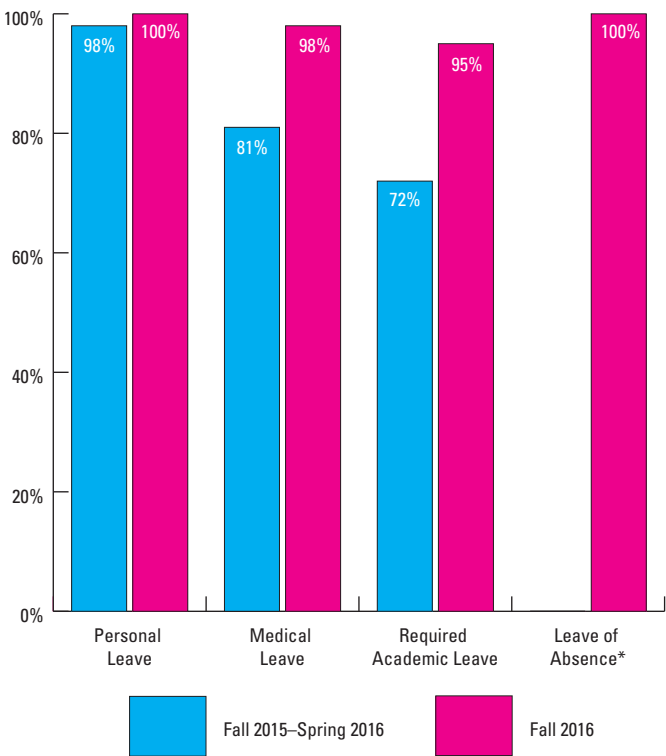


Approval rate of return requests



*Leave of absence was not available before Fall 2016

New leave & return policies to be implemented by next year

Financial assistance and mentorship program to be made available, issues of communication remain

By Vivian Zhong
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The history of undergraduate withdrawal and readmission, or leave and return, as it is now known, is fraught with horror stories of students forcibly hospitalized or prevented from resuming their studies at MIT. Last March, the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) issued a report with recommendations to improve the system through which students temporarily halt their studies at MIT, voluntarily or not.

Now, a year later, *The Tech* interviewed David Randall, senior associate dean of Student Support and Wellbeing, and Scott Hughes, the chair of CAP. The former oversees Student Support Services (S³), whose role is to support students during the leave and return process

through its deans, while CAP is responsible for reviewing and approving student applications to return from leave.

The Tech also spoke with a student who took voluntary medical leave at the end of the fall 2016 semester and returned to MIT for spring 2017. The student requested anonymity for fear of repercussions. For the purpose of this article, the student will be referred to as Jane.

CAP recommendations

Hughes noted that reports like the CAP report are not the mechanism by which policy changes happen. If administration had wanted to, they could have ignored everything. They've acted on every one of the recommendations.

Implementation of the recommendations will happen over the next year, Randall said. He expects that by this time next year, all of the

CAP recommendations will have been executed.

Data on leave and return

Statistics on students going on and returning from leave were commonly requested by students, Randall said. S³ provided the data from both the current and the previous academic year, which we present here for comparison. The return statistics for the 2016–2017 academic year currently only comprises information from the fall term, and will be updated after the CAP meets again this June. The numbers for leave represent the students who began their leave at the start of or during the given academic year.

No data for the “leave of absence” category exists for the previous year, as it was a new category created after the CAP report was is-

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IN SHORT

Graduates can order commencement regalia Apr. 3–Apr. 22. All graduates participating in the commencement exercises must wear the appropriate academic regalia. More details are available at commencement.mit.edu/graduates/regalia.

Tax day is next Tuesday, Apr. 18, this year. Don't forget to file your taxes!

No classes will be held next Monday and Tuesday for the Patriot's Day holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

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The Activities Midway took place in Johnson Ice Rink this Saturday, April 8 as part of Campus Preview Weekend.

MIT pilots “Day Of Action” to encourage service among students, professors, staff, and residents

Organizers hope to “create avenues” to engage in civic action through talks, workshops

By Anshula Gandhi
NEWS EDITOR

A hackathon-style service-oriented event called Day of Action will take place April 18 (a school holiday) with lectures and workshops running from 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Activities at Day of Action will include a talk by Professor of Economics and major contributor to Obamacare Jonathan Gruber discussing the future of US health-care policy, a lecture on ending political corruption by Represent. Us Boston, and a talk on the distinction between free speech and hate speech by two Harvard gradu-

ate students in Philosophy, Wendy Salkin and Ronni Gura Sadovsky.

Not to be confused with the Together in Service, an MIT service program, Day of Action is being run for the first time this year.

“I think that you know today, more than certainly any time in my recent memory in the United States, people feel that you know they want to do things and make a difference and it's hard to know how to do that,” Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences and Day of Action co-organizer Roger Levy said in an interview with *The Tech*. The day aims to “create avenues” for people to engage in civic action.

“Recharging for the Activist,” an event which includes how to meditate while walking, is one of many on the Day of Action.

Professor of Philosophy and Day of Action co-organizer Sally Haslanger touted the benefits of on-the-go meditation in an interview with *The Tech*: “One of my friends ... taught me how to do walking meditation. So I don't have to sit in my room — I can be walking to campus and still do meditation.”

“If you are an activist, you often achieve heightened sensitivity to injustice. Waking up every day with that heightened sensitivity ... is exhausting,” Haslanger said. “So what

you want to do is find ways to help people realize that they don't have to work with every issue every day — they can pace themselves.”

The day is open to everyone, including undergraduates, graduate students, professors, administrative staff, custodial staff, and Cambridge residents.

“This is a day that's open to all,” Levy said. “We hope to see the widest variety of perspectives there.”

“We would love for as many people as possible to come for all day, but we also recognize that of course not everybody can come all day,” Levy said. If people can only come for a bit, “that's great and

that's wonderful. It's better than not showing up.”

The organization for Day of Action was spurred by Princeton University's day of action. “Princeton held a day of action on March 6,” Levy said. The organizers of Princeton's day of Action got in touch with MIT professors and asked if they'd “be interested in doing something similar.”

Snacks will be provided to participants throughout the day, including lunch and a “modest” dinner. The day will be rounded off with a DJ'd after-party hosted by the organizers in the Stata Amphitheater.

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U.S takes sharper tone on Russia’s role in Syria

**Julie Hirschfeld Davis
and David E. Sanger**
THE NEW YORK TIMES

President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson sought on Wednesday to isolate President Vladimir Putin of Russia for backing the Syrian government in the wake of its lethal chemical weapons attack on civilians, and worked to build international pressure on Moscow to change course. In Washington, Moscow and New York, the Trump administration publicly chastised Putin but privately worked to hash out increasingly bitter differences with him. At the same time, Trump embraced NATO — a military alliance he had previously derided as obsolete — as an effective and vital force for peace and security in a region where Russia has been an aggressive actor. The moves were a wholesale reversal of Trump’s approach to foreign policy during his presidential campaign and even in his early days in office, when he spoke warmly of Putin and the prospects

of a U.S. alliance with Russia as he questioned the usefulness of NATO and the concept of an alliance for common defense to counterbalance Moscow’s belligerence. In an interview that aired Wednesday, Trump said that Putin was partly to blame for the conflict in Syria and denounced him for backing President Bashar Assad, whom he called an “animal.” Later at the White House, Trump said that Russia had likely known in advance of the Syrian government’s plan to unleash a nerve agent against its own people, and asserted that the United States’ relations with Moscow were at an “all-time low.” In Moscow, Tillerson came away from a two-hour meeting with Putin — the first such face-to-face session of the Trump administration — without reaching agreement on facts involving the chemical weapons assault in Syria or Russian interference in the U.S. election. And sharply diverging from the meeting of the minds between the United States and Russia that Trump frequently aspired to

when he was campaigning, there was no visible warming of the relationship. The most immediate casualty of the clash was Russia’s decision last week to suspend a communication channel, set up in 2015, to share information about U.S. and Russian air operations over Syria to avoid possible conflict. Lavrov said Wednesday that “we’re willing to put it back into force” if Washington and Moscow can resolve their differences. Further punctuating the Syria dispute, Russia on Wednesday vetoed a Western-backed resolution at the United Nations Security Council that condemned the chemical weapons attack. It was the eighth time in the 6-year-old Syrian civil war that Russia, one of the five permanent Security Council members, had used its veto power to shield the government in Damascus. But in a possible sign of Russia’s isolation on the chemical weapons issue, China, the permanent member that usually votes with Russia on Syria resolutions, abstained.

Protests continue as Hungary takes aim at Soros’ university

Palko Karasz
THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — Pressure is mounting on Hungary’s right-wing government after it adopted a law that would effectively shut down Central European University, an institution founded by the Hungarian-American philanthropist George Soros shortly after the fall of Communism. A United Nations expert on Tuesday joined European Union officials in expressing grave concern about the law, which was rushed through parliament by the government of Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Tens of thousands of protesters poured into the streets of Budapest on Sunday to urge President Janos Ader not to sign the law, but on Monday he did just that. The new law requires, among other things, that foreign-accredited universities provide higher education services in their own

countries — meaning the United States in the case of Central European University. Observers say the law is part of a clampdown on free expression and an effort to create a powerful enemy — in this case, Soros, a financier who embodies, for Orban, the influence of global capitalism. “Almost the only success story the government has at home, I think, is that it built a fence and is not letting in migrants,” said Andras Loke, president of the board of Transparency International’s branch in Hungary, referring to Orban’s hard-line policy on refugees. “That is to say the people like it, and they say, ‘Finally, somebody has done it.’” Criticism of the law aimed at the university, which has nearly 1,800 students from more than 100 countries and about 370 faculty members, came from several directions Tuesday. David Kaye, the U.N. special rapporteur for freedom of opinion

and expression, said it was “likely to violate the central precepts of academic freedom in a free society.” A U.S. official, Hoyt Brian Yee, the deputy assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs, also raised concerns, telling Reuters that the law focused on “this important American-Hungarian institution.” Members of the European Commission, the EU’s executive body, are to discuss the subject Wednesday in Brussels. They are also expected to talk, more broadly, about efforts by Orban’s government to curb the authority of the European Union in areas like immigration and the economy. In Hungary, the protests have continued, though at a smaller scale than over the weekend. A few hundred people gathered in front of the presidential palace Monday night to support the university, and another rally was planned for Wednesday night.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, ex-president of Iran, files to run again

Thomas Erdbrink
THE NEW YORK TIMES

TEHRAN, Iran — The race for the presidency of Iran expanded unexpectedly Wednesday, when former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, a maverick politician who was sidelined over tensions with the political and religious establishment, registered as a candidate. The surprising decision by Ahmadinejad, who became notorious in the West by threatening Israel and denying the existence of the Holocaust, is likely to present a test for Iran’s establishment as it prepares for the presidential election May 19. Ahmadinejad’s re-election in 2009 led to the largest anti-government protests since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Millions of people took to the streets claiming that his re-election had been marred by fraud. He left office in 2013 after a major falling-out with Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Khamenei and the rest of the establishment could simply choose to disqualify Ahmadinejad, as a vetting council they control is expected to do to hundreds of others who have registered as candidates. But responding to Ahmadinejad’s desire for a political rebirth might require a more finessed response, analysts said. President Hassan Rouhani is favored to win re-election. But many Iranians have been disappointed over the lack of economic recovery after the nuclear deal Iran reached with the United States and other major powers in 2015. Iran’s hard-liners strongly dislike Rouhani’s desire to reach out to the West and even to the United States. They accuse him of wanting to smooth the sharp edges of Iran’s ideology and being too willing to consider compromises on cultural issues. Ahmadinejad, meanwhile, has been quietly trying to rebrand himself. Ever since his falling-out with Khamenei, which was over the selec-

tion of the minister of intelligence, a position that requires the supreme leader’s approval, Ahmadinejad has been presenting himself as an anti-establishment figure — someone who is not afraid to ignore the will of Khamenei. Supporters of Rouhani carefully welcomed Ahmadinejad’s decision to register as a presidential candidate. In their election calculations, hard-liners have been lining up behind Ibrahim Raeesi, a former judicial official. Many of them hope that Raeesi will one day succeed Khamenei as the supreme leader, and they think having executive experience would increase his chances. Raeesi heads the extremely powerful Imam Reza Foundation in Mashhad, in the east of Iran. But his credentials are tainted by accusations that he was involved in a death committee that issued verdicts that led to the executions of thousands of political prisoners in 1988.

Xi and Trump discuss rising tensions with North Korea

BEIJING — China’s leader, Xi Jinping, and President Donald Trump spoke by phone on Wednesday about the escalating tensions with North Korea as a prominent Chinese state-run newspaper warned the North that it faced a cutoff of vital oil supplies if it dared test a nuclear weapon. The phone call, reported by China’s state broadcaster, CCTV, came hours after Trump cautioned Beijing in a Twitter message and a television interview that it needed to help Washington rein in North Korea, a Chinese ally. During the call, which was initiated by Trump, Xi said that the matter should be solved through peaceful means, the state news agency Xinhua reported. Tensions escalated further on Wednesday as reports said the Japanese navy would join the U.S. Navy strike group led by the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson in its mission off the Korean coast. Those joint exercises would take place as the U.S. armada passed through waters close to Japan, Reuters said. North Korea on Saturday is celebrating the 105th anniversary of the birth of Kim Il Sung, the founder of the nation. Its current leader, Kim Jong Un, his grandson, is expected to use the occasion to either stage a nuclear weapons test or conduct a missile test, in direct defiance of the United States and its main patron, China.

—Jane Perlez, *The New York Times*

Court approved wiretap on Trump campaign aid over Russia ties

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department obtained a secret court-approved wiretap last summer on Carter Page, a foreign policy adviser to Donald Trump’s presidential campaign, based on evidence that he was operating as a Russian agent, a government official said Wednesday. The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court issued the warrant, the official said, after investigators determined that Page was no longer part of the Trump campaign. To obtain the warrant, the government needed to show probable cause that Page was acting as an agent of Russia. Investigators must first get approval from one of three senior officials at the Justice Department. Then, prosecutors take it to a surveillance court judge. And though the Trump administration has said Page was a bit player who had no access to the candidate, the wiretap shows the FBI had strong evidence that a campaign adviser was operating on behalf of Moscow. Trump and Page have called the investigation a “witch hunt” and said it was cooked up by their political rivals for speaking out against President Barack Obama’s policies. On Tuesday, Page said in an email that it “will be interesting to see what comes out when the unjustified basis for those FISA requests are more fully disclosed over time,” using shorthand for the court. The FBI declined to comment. James B. Comey, the FBI director, has described the hurdles to obtaining an intelligence wiretap as a “rigorous, rigorous process.” Page, a former Moscow-based investment banker for Merrill Lynch who later founded an investment company in New York called Global Energy Capital, has been on the FBI’s radar screen for years. In July of last year, while working as an adviser to Trump, Page traveled to Moscow and criticized U.S. foreign policy toward Russia in a speech at the New Economic School, a university.

—Matthew Rosenberg and Matt Apuzzo, *The New York Times*

Trump administration backs Montenegro’s admission to NATO

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is supporting the admission of Montenegro into NATO in part to counter the influence of Russia in the small Balkan nation, a senior White House official said on Wednesday, citing “credible reports” that Moscow backed a plot for a violent election-day attack there last fall. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to preview meetings later on Wednesday between President Donald Trump and Jens Stoltenberg, NATO secretary-general, gave no detail on the alleged planned attack, referring questions to the government of Montenegro. But the official said Russia’s meddling in Montenegro and Ukraine, as well as its actions in Syria, would be a strong theme in Trump’s NATO discussions, most likely highlighting the president’s commitment to a mutual defense alliance that he questioned before taking office. During the meetings, the administration said, Trump and Stoltenberg will talk about the need for Russia to cease its interference in eastern Ukraine and support peace efforts there. The new dynamic is a substantial shift from Trump’s stance during his presidential campaign, when he often questioned the usefulness of NATO and regularly praised Putin.

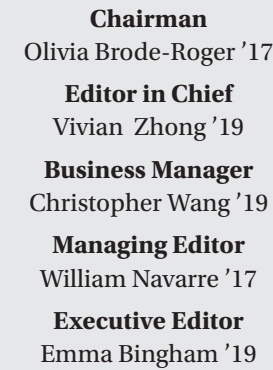
—Julie Hirschfeld Davis, *The New York Times*

Venezuela staves off default, but low oils prices pose threat

Venezuela has put off a reckoning on its tens of billions of dollars in debt, but its ability to avoid a disastrous default will probably require much higher oil prices than appear likely in the next year or two, financial experts say. With its oil production and international reserves falling at an accelerating rate, the government is juggling as fast as it can to pay for imported food and medicines while meeting its short-term bond payments. Even as the country has slashed imports, its reserves have declined by half over the last two years, to \$10.4 billion. Complicating the picture is the escalating political turmoil challenging President Nicolás Maduro, who needs to shore up his popularity if he is to retain power in the elections scheduled for next year. Consumers have to endure long lines for food and other necessities, and hunger is spreading. With Venezuela’s refineries in disrepair, even gasoline is in short supply. A monthly inflation rate of 20 percent is shrinking the value of paychecks.

—Matthew Rosenberg and Matt Apuzzo, *The New York Times*

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Vote Sarah Melvin and Alexa Martin for UA President and Vice President

For the first time since 2015, voters will have a choice between not one but three tickets for the future of the Undergraduate Association's leadership. With our choice of a UA president and vice president, we have the power to dictate the future of the organization, its priorities, and its behavior. The challenges that the UA will face in the coming year—both internal and external—necessitate a president and vice president with experience, dedication, and perhaps most importantly, vision. Only the ticket of Sarah Melvin '18 and Alexa Martin '19 clearly satisfies all of these requirements.

Melvin and Martin are running on a platform that prioritizes increased student engagement with the administration and with the UA. Their platform addresses a wide range of issues, including reforms to academic advising, strengthening the presence of cultural groups, and increasing transparency within the UA (just to name a few), but in each of their points, the guiding principles of engagement and collaboration shine through. Melvin and Martin promise not just to advocate on behalf of undergraduates, but also to push for direct inclusion at all levels of decision-making.

One of the most striking aspects of the Melvin/Martin ticket is its breadth of experience. I struggle to imagine a pair more well-balanced than Melvin and Martin. Melvin's unique experience as president of Senior House during the chaos following the decision not to allow

freshmen in the dorm this past fall offers a perspective that perhaps no one else in the entire undergraduate student body shares. As a result of this role, Melvin has the skills necessary to have incredibly difficult conversations both with members of the administration and with her constituents. These skills are not just poetry for a campaign website: they have translated into concrete outcomes. She led the charge in facilitating heavy involvement of Senior House residents and alumni as well as MIT community members in general in advocating for the dorm, which shaped the turnaround process and forced the administration to become more transparent about its goals and methods. As DormCon i3/RAC chair, Melvin has worked with the Rainbow Lounge to improve Gender-Inclusive Housing and implemented training for individual dorm RACs to increase their involvement in the rooming process beyond the dorm level. Melvin's unique perspective comes with the caveat that she is something of a newcomer to the UA; however, her proven dedication to cross-campus issues and wise choice of running mate more than compensate for her relative lack of experience in the organization's highest levels.

Rather than pander to the played-out dichotomy of insider vs. outsider, Melvin instead chose to work with Alexa Martin, a well-established member of the 2019 Class Council and the current UA secretary. Martin's deep understanding of the inner workings of the UA will be critical to enacting the pair's ambitious platform and accomplishing the critical task of increasing student investment and engagement in the affairs of the UA. Additionally, Martin's strong connections with current members of the UA will facilitate a smooth transition to new leadership should the ticket be elected.

Melvin and Martin are the only candidates that can be trusted to do more than just pay lip service to the notion of increased student representation in conversations within the administration. Melvin's aforementioned experiences as Senior House president lend a salient backdrop to the pair's campaign promise to fight hard for undergraduate voices to be heard. As UA president and vice president, Melvin and Martin will not only act as intermediary advocates for the undergraduate body, they will also effect more extensive and valuable direct interactions between students and administrators through proposed initiatives to increase administrators' office hours, develop the presence of the Student-Administration Collaboration Committee, and implement a follow-up system to promote accountability. Their dedication to promoting both UA and direct grassroots involvement in decisions in the administration should resonate with anyone who has felt marginalized or underrepresented in developments at MIT in recent years.

We are fortunate this year to have a choice between three enthusiastic tickets for UA leadership. With this opportunity to choose comes the responsibility to reflect on our needs as a student body and the traits we value in our most powerful advocates. Sarah Melvin and Alexa Martin have the potential to breathe new life into the UA with broad experiences and a proven dedication to student autonomy and representation, and I unequivocally endorse them for the positions of UA president and vice president.

— Allie Stanton '18, president of East Campus and housing chair of the Dormitory Council. Emma DeSoto '18, president of Burton Conner, and Jacqueline Liu '18, president of Simmons Hall and REX chair of DormCon, are also signatories.



An album review last issue incorrectly stated that the title of the album was *Brink*. In fact, the artist's name is Brink; the album title is *Ginger Ale*.

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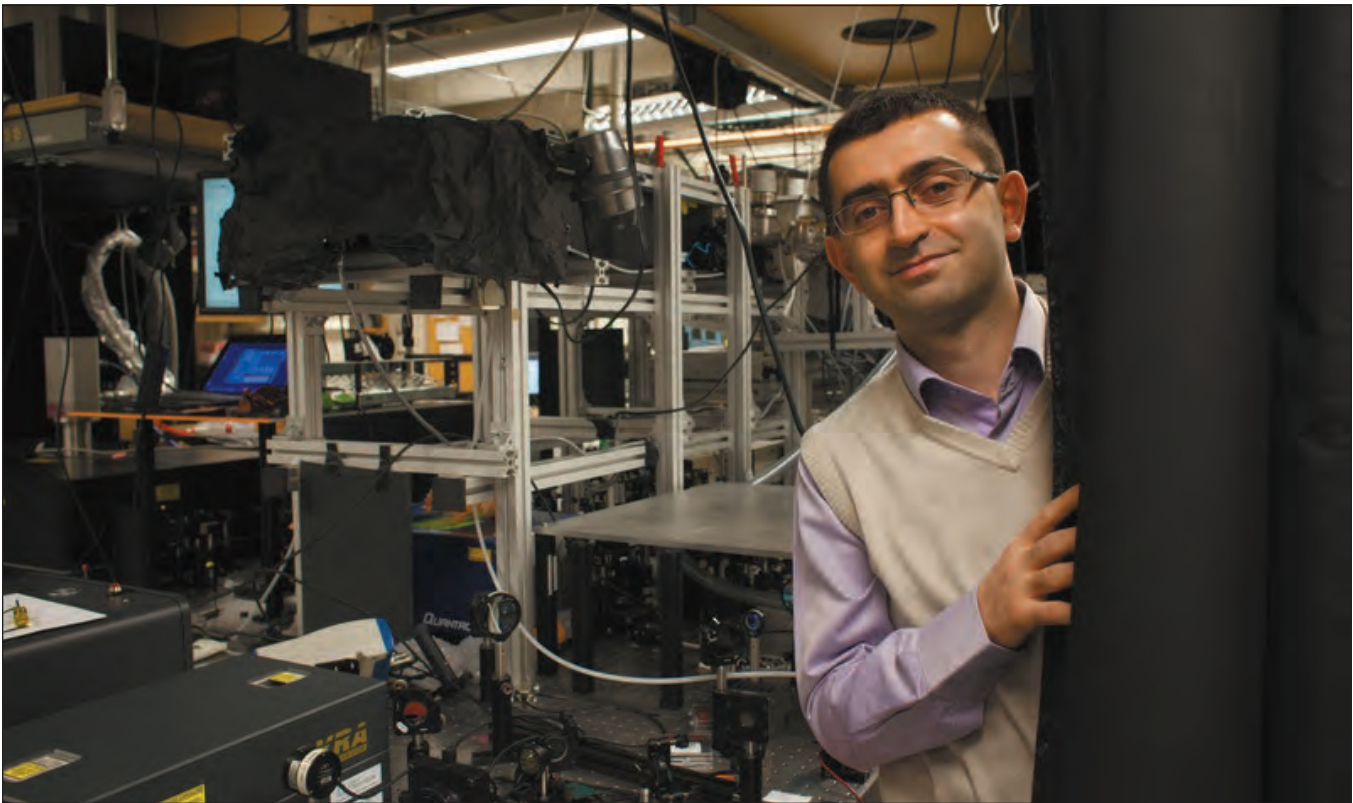
Nuh Gedik

Immigrant members of the MIT community

I am originally from Turkey. I graduated from Bogazici University in Istanbul. I came to the US in 1998 for my graduate studies. After obtaining my PhD in physics from the University of California, Berkeley, I moved to Caltech as a postdoctoral scholar. In 2008, I started as an assistant professor at MIT. My lab uses ultrafast laser pulses to understand newly discovered materials such as high temperature superconductors. I greatly enjoy being part of such a diverse and distinguished community of students, postdocs, and faculty at MIT.

Nuh Gedik is an Associate Professor of Physics.

Editor's note: Tech Transfers is a photo series by Professor Daniel Jackson that features immigrant members of MIT.



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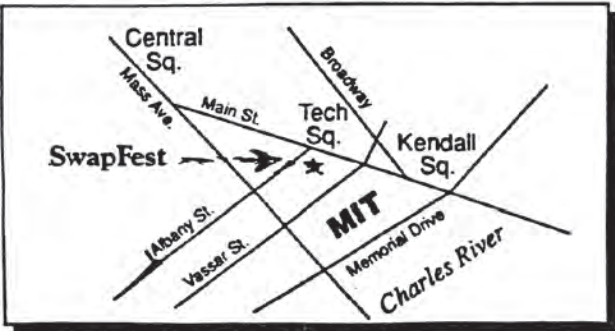
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CAP seeks to clear misconceptions, hear feedback

Leave, from Page 1

sued last spring. This category “allows undergraduates to take a leave for up to two years in order to pursue personal, career, or educational interests, and ensures they can easily return to the Institute,” according to a statement issued jointly by Randall and Hughes.

Hughes believes one of the reasons why the return rate has increased is due to students submitting stronger return applications. New procedures, Hughes said, have allowed students to engage with their S³ deans “more honestly and completely,” which in turn empowers S³ to give more feedback on the applications.

Financial and housing assistance

During her year on leave, Jane found herself unable to consistently find and keep a job due to health issues, and had no parental support to fall back on. She pointed out that any support that S³ offered was meaningless if she didn’t have a place to sleep or know where her next meal was coming from. Financial pressure during the beginning of her leave pushed her take a job before she was medically ready; as a result, she ended up hospitalized and lost that job.

Her situation “is a particularly heartrending one,” Hughes acknowledged. “We do sometimes have these [cases]. This is outside my purview, but looking at it from the outside, it’s pretty clear that there’s nothing we can do in these cases,” adding that CAP “spends most of its time considering these edge cases.”

It is unclear if Jane’s situation was in fact an edge case. The CAP report indicated that only 23 percent of re-admitted students responded to a survey the committee sent out to gather feedback. In addition, stu-

dents may still be reluctant to share their experiences: Jane admitted to exaggerating her medical readiness to return to MIT simply to escape the “hellhole” of being on leave.

S³ is, however, establishing a fund for students with financial hardships who are preparing for a leave. Students will be able to request grants by submitting a form and budget to S³ for review. Randall said that there will be no strict limit on the financial assistance granted, but cited \$1,000 as a guiding figure.

“We obviously have some students who are more financially-needy than others,” he added, but “if we spend \$5,000 on one student, that takes potential funds away from another, so we’re going to be considering all cases together, trying to distribute funds fairly.”

The transition fund was one of the stronger recommendations from the CAP, Hughes said. “This is one we were really nervous about, since, you know — we’re asking for money.” The fund, Randall said, is currently being supported by donors.

The current policy on housing is that students on leave cannot live in any Institute residences, including FSILGs that have ownership of their houses. Asked if there has been any consideration to change this policy, Randall replied that spots are only available for currently registered students, as per Institute policy.

“If we open it up for one student, we would have to open it up for all students on leave” — which MIT does not have the capacity for, Randall said.

A history of miscommunication

Miscommunication between S³, students, faculty, and other MIT administrative departments has long plagued the process of taking leave from MIT. It quickly became clear to the CAP, Hughes said, that more transparency and clear communication through S³ deans and

the S³ website was needed. One of the changes they’ve tried to make, Randall said, is to take “a very public approach to the concerns that students have” through periodic reports emailed to the student body.

But students don’t typically read administrative emails or 50-page reports — or long *Tech* articles. As Jane pointed out, students are much more likely to read stories posted on MIT Confessions, no matter how unrepresentative or unverifiable they are.

For example, in an informal survey of student focus groups conducted by the CAP, students on average believed that only 15 percent of students who withdrew returned to MIT. The actual number at the time was closer to 70 percent.

Hughes recognized this issue: “The fact that the things that students read are not through the venues in which we proffer information is a bit of a frustration because you know — we can’t send anonymous tweets to everyone about what the data are.”

“They are trying, but it seems like they’re just patching things up, not addressing core issues,” Jane said, pointing to the change of terminology from “withdrawal and readmission” to “leave and return” as a change that doesn’t improve a student’s feeling of stigmatization when taking a break from MIT.

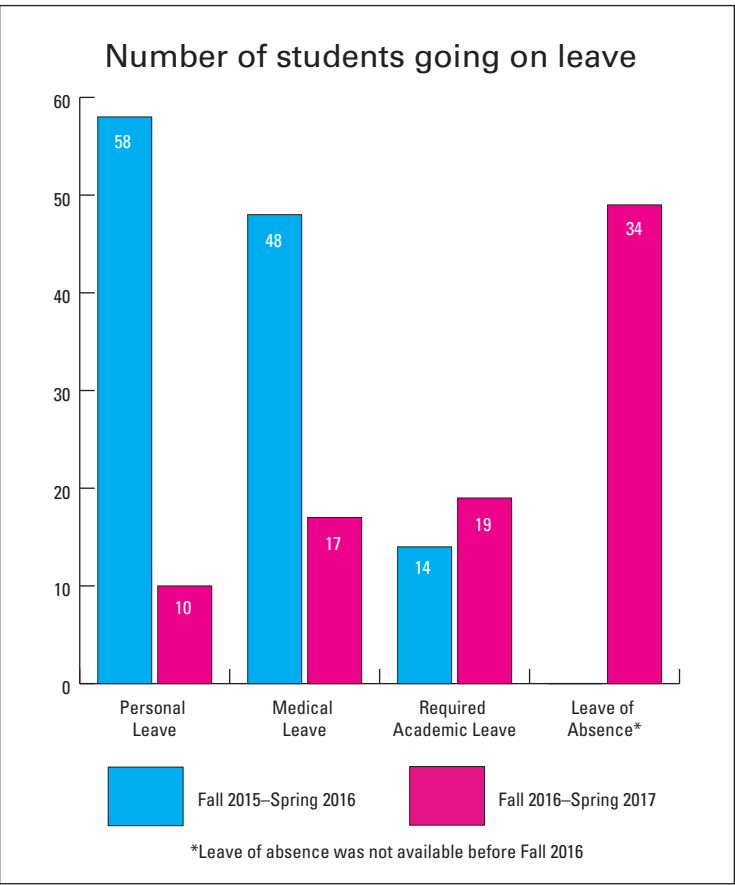
The name change was a result of “clear evidence that old names were leading to incorrect assumptions,” Randall said. But he agreed that “it doesn’t address crux of the issue,” saying that it was “low-hanging fruit,” an easy fix for S³ to implement.

The leave and return policy was updated last year to increase the time that a student has between being given formal notice or approval to leave until the student must move out of their MIT housing, if they take leave in the middle of a semester, from 48 to 72 hours. Jane pointed out that 72 hours was not a lot of time either, indicating that fear of such a sudden upheaval in her life was part of the reason why she chose to delay taking medical leave until the end of the semester.

According to Randall, however, this is a misconception: S³ will work with students who request leave to make sure that they are ready until initiating the formal leave process and 72 hour grace period. “We want students to feel like they’re in control,” he said, while acknowledging that the current website does not convey the details of the process clearly.

Another source of confusion for students has been S³ deans themselves, exacerbated by the transition that took place following last year’s CAP report. For example, taking medical leave does not come with any academic requirements, such as taking classes or working. But Jane was told that despite leaving with a high GPA, she was still told that she had to demonstrate her “ability to handle an MIT workload” in order to return from leave.

“I just wanted to focus on getting healthy and coming refreshed back to school,” she said. “But I was talk-



ing to the dean, and he said I still had to get a job. So it really wasn’t personalized per se.”

Using MIT resources while on leave

Being on medical leave last year felt like she “had been excommunicated,” Jane said.

The S³ website has been recently updated with a statement asserting that “students on leave remain part of the MIT community.” The update clarified that “MIT students on leave may participate in MIT activities that are open to the public,” though the website page explaining medical leave still states that “students on leave can’t participate in student life or other campus events.” According to Randall, the latter statement represents an old policy that is being overturned.

Resources that remain available only to registered students, in addition to Institute housing, include attending classes, participating in the UROP program, accessing Athena and MIT licensed software, using an MIT ID Card, and access to MIT Medical and its mental health services.

Jane found the last prohibition particularly difficult. She had been seeing the same therapist at MIT Medical for 3 years; having to find a new one upon taking leave, she said, delayed her medical treatment.

But MIT Medical, Randall said, doesn’t have the capacity to see students on leave, especially since Medical is currently working to decrease wait time for patients.

Additionally, students on leave do not have access to MIT student insurance unless they are on medical leave.

New resources and policies

A new mentorship program will pair students considering taking a leave or currently on leave with students who have gone through the process. The program was part of CAP recommendations, and has

already been used informally this past year, Randall said. He expects it to be formally implemented by this summer.

Students can apply for the newly created leave of absence option through a web form and a conversation with a dean in Student Support Services.

S³ is currently redoing the medical leave policy, and has completed a draft not yet shared with students. S³ will also be introducing a new team, dubbed the “CARE Team” as a “consistent, compassionate, point of contact for hospitalized students,” Randall said.

Moving forward

CAP would like to shift to supporting students as they address personal issues on voluntary leave, instead of forcing them to go on required academic or involuntary medical leave, Hughes said. “I sympathize with the fact that these kinds of things are really hard to deal with. Our society stigmatizes a lot of things related to mental health treatment, and issues relating to depression.”

“I speak as someone who was clinically depressed for a while and went through a divorce,” Hughes aid. “My life was turned around by opening up to a therapist. I found it very empowering to be able to talk to someone about this.”

Asked if she would recommend that a student struggling with health issues to voluntarily take medical leave, Jane replied that it depended on the person’s financial situation. But for herself, she said, she would not have taken medical leave if she had known the financial and physical hardships she would have to endure.

“We want to hear from people who had a negative experience,” Hughes said, stressing that no student would face repercussions from coming forward to talk with the S³ deans or the CAP.

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MUSIC FESTIVAL PREVIEW

"Born in Boston"

Boston Calling music festival's 2017 iteration boasts new venue and programming

By Nafisa Syed
ARTS EDITOR

Since its first festival in May 2013, Boston Calling is well on its way to becoming a regular fixture in the lives of Bostonian music fans. Brian Appel, the festival's producer and cofounder, hopes the festival has been "a positive addition to the cultural scene." And certainly it has been — with a lineup ranging from Chance the Rapper to Mumford and Sons and from international acts to local ones, the festival provides opportunities for attendees to discover new artists, and for new artists to discover a new stage.

This year, the festival seeks to expand with a new venue at the Harvard Athletic Complex. While fond of the festival's previous City Hall Plaza location, Appel cites a desire for expansion and new programming as reasons for the move. After gaining enough experience with managing the fes-

tival's logistics, Appel and his colleagues decided to approach Harvard with their proposal: "We learned so much about how to operate the festival and work with the city — to do it the right way. Those years of all that work gave us the knowledge and the wherewithal to go to Harvard and say, 'Hey, we think we're a good fit to bring this over to your property.'" Luckily for Boston Calling, Harvard proved to be "willing and accommodating."

To make full use of the facilities, Appel and the festival's orchestrators initially intended to add a film-based component: "We always wanted to expand Boston Calling beyond music. Film felt like a great new addition to bring in to keep the programming of the event fresh, to give us opportunities to reach new audiences," he notes. Though the film component has been postponed until a future festival, it has been replaced with a host of comedy acts.

The 2017 Boston Calling will also boast

the presence of custom art installations and murals. This artistic component will be curated by builder and designer Russ Bennett, who is well-known for his vibrant and whimsical installations. Bennett has worked on a plethora of music festivals and events, including Bonnaroo in Tennessee. The Boston Calling installations will only be unveiled upon the opening of the festival itself, and Appel hopes the art will help the festival “come to life even more so than it has in the past.”

Appel looks forward to the event in May: "We are working hard to make sure that this event looks and feels like completely different from anything anyone has seen in New England before."

For Appel, the festival holds cultural significance: “We believe that this festival is born in Boston — we’re all Bostonians that run it.” Appel is particularly enthusiastic about the Boston representation in the lineup: Local artists Buffalo Tom, Piebald,

Boston Calling Music Festival

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Harvard Athletic Complex

and Converge will be playing at the event. Another artist Appel is excited about is Justin Vernon, Bon Iver's founder, with whom he has collaborated before: "I'm particularly excited to see Justin again, and see him perform. They're a fantastic band, Bon Iver, so that's always a highlight for me." Other notable artists performing include Cage the Elephant, Oh Wonder, Tegan and Sara, Solange, The xx, Major Lazer, and Weezer. Further information about the festival is available at www.bostoncalling.com.

MAGIC SHOW REVIEW

Cue the music — Broadway's *The Illusionists* have come to Boston

"No, Michael, that's not my trick...It's my ILLUSION!"



COURTESY OF MAGIC SPACE

Dan Sperry, "The Anti-Conjuror," performing in *The Illusionists*.

By Ivy Li
STAFF WRITER

The brilliantly flamboyant emcee Jeff Hobson introduces the magicians of our show, keeping you laughing with his bawdy — and as one audience member accused, “sick” — sense of humor. For the fortunate (or unfortunate) audience members sitting in the front orchestra seats, Hobson will make a joke of you while still getting you to laugh along before introducing the next performer. Each magician has a given title — Hobson is naturally “The Trickster” — and they proceed to perform segments and embody the personas of their names.

Colin Cloud, self-dubbed “The Deductionist” and a Sherlock Holmesian character, dons the “ear hat” as he deduces the thoughts of the audience. A woman — who happened to be a theatre critic — and a man are led to the stage to write their thoughts, only for Cloud to discard their notes and to deduce what they had written without

looking.

Our two daring magicians, “The Escapologist” Andrew Basso and “The Daredevil” Jonathan Goodwin, perform shocking stunts to the delight of the audience. Basso revisits Houdini’s escape, impressively escaping from a water tank while handcuffed. Goodwin shoots a crossbow blindfolded, his arrow narrowly missing his assistant as it pops the balloon above her head.

“The Anti-Conjuror” Dan Sperry — to the horror of some and the delight of others — does the impossible by jamming a quarter into his eye and digging it up from its new location: buried in his arm. His stunts are not limited to body horror; he elegantly produces doves from thin air and transforms them into a single white cockatoo.

Like Sperry, Kevin James ("The Inventor"), breaks and puts back together human bodies: a modern Dr. Frankenstein. Yet his tricks can also be endearing. He calls up a child audience member to help him with his "magic glass bottle." Learning that the

bottle allowed coins to pass through, the child was wonderfully surprised, attempting to imitate James's trick to no avail. In another illusion, James tells the story of a young girl who wished to see snow, and he produces a flurry of snowflakes from a wet napkin.

Despite the bombastic music and dramatisation, An Ha Lim, "The Manipulator," never speaks a word but does not need to; his cardistry forms his voice. With a sleight of hand, countless cards appear at will, falling gracefully onto the stage floor over and over. He closes out the evening, as he transforms the card surfaces from those of normal playing cards to pictures of each Illusionist and finally to the logo. Such a fluid performance is to be expected from the winner of many international tournaments.

Tricks are overly dramatized for effect, but don't let the hokeyness deprive you of enjoyment; if you seek two hours of escapism, *The Illusionists* will give you that. But I will forewarn you: you are seeking inno-

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Boston Opera House

Apr. 4–9, 2017

vative, new tricks, this is not the show for you (*The Illusionists* have been touring for a while now). With the invasion of the Internet, one Google search is all you need to understand how most classic magic tricks work, and truthfully, the show prioritizes entertainment over magic. And if you are anything like me — a child who has never grown up — you might receive a nostalgic reminder of wonder at the impossible made possible.

SPORTS

Women's club water polo heading to nationals for the first time in nine years

By Yida Wang

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

The Women's Club Water Polo Team's Championship Tournament was held this past weekend at the Zesiger Center. The MIT team beat their crosstown rival Wellesley College to win the championship.

On Saturday, April 8, MIT played University of New England and beat them 18-4. Next, they took on Tufts University and won 9-2.

On Sunday, MIT played the top seeded, undefeated Wellesley

College. The two teams were tied at 5-5 going into the final quarter. Drawing on strong defense and a couple of key crossage shots from Cecilia Viggiano G, MIT won the game 8-7.

MIT is a part of the North Atlantic Division of the Collegiate Water Polo Association, and has finished in third place in the division for the last two years. They have not made nationals since 2007, when they defeated Boston College in order to win the conference.

The MIT team is led by returning coaches Andres Simauchi and

assistant Corissa Lee. Captained by Sofi Peterson G and Leilani Gilpin G, the team returned with several key players in Sarah Fay G, Viggiano, Hayley Bergman '19, Clare Wieland '19, goalie Vivian Zhang '19, and Maddie Severance '17. The team also benefits from new talent Alex Obrand '20.

Catch the team at the National Collegiate Club Championships in Pittsburgh May 5-7!

Yida Wang is a member of the class of 2019.

Team members Hayley Bergman and Clare Wieland assisted in reporting for this article.



Vivian Zhang '19 blocks a goal in the game against the University of New England.

SPORTS BLITZ

Men's Baseball (11-5) went 4-2 last week playing two games against Clark University, Springfield College and Emerson College each. They split the series against Clark and Springfield and managed to sweep Emerson.

Women's Softball (13-3) went 5-3 last week. After losing their first two games against Babson College, they recovered to go 5-1 in games against Smith College, Emerson College and Springfield College.

Men's Lacrosse (7-3) went undefeated last week winning games against the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Castleton University, and Babson College. Graham Davis '18 was selected as NEW-MAC Offensive Player of the Week.

Women's Lacrosse (4-6) lost their two games last week falling 16-3 to Springfield College and losing a tight game 18-16 against Wellesley College.

Men's Tennis (10-1), despite losing their first game of the season against Wesleyan College, went 3-0 at home to close out the week. Albert Go '20 was named NEWMAC Single's Player of the Week.

Women's Tennis (11-4)
lost against Wesleyan College
1-8. Sharlene Song '20 got the
Engineers a point winning
her two sets 7-6 and 6-4.

Sailing placed 3rd of 12 in the Fowle Trophy and 10th of 20 in the Emily Wicke Trophy over the weekend. These performances helped the coed sailing team qualify for the Intercollegiate Sailing Association's Team Race National Championship.

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